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Ford Denies He Plans To Dump Rockefeller

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President Ford dismissed today as a "tempest in a teapot" the speculation that he is planning to dump Vice President Rockefeller from his ticket next year.

The President in an interview broadcast by the Public Broadcasting System tonight, said he felt that Mr. Rockefeller "has done an excellent job as Vice President."

"He works hard," Mr. Ford continued. "He is cooperative. He has taken every job I have given him and done really a great job. When you have somebody that works on a team with you, why do you want to change?"

He said also that he would be "going out with my campaign people to get my delegates" and that Mr. Rockefeller would do the same. "I think the team of Ford and Rockefeller has done a good job," he said, "and at this time I don't see any reason to change it."

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